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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS AND THIRD PARTY
INTERVENTION

REFERENCE: MANAGUA 0838

1. EMBASSY INQUIRED IN FINAL PARA REFTEL WHETHER DEPART-
MENT'S SUGGESTION IN STATE 27594 (THAT THIRD PARTIES
MODERATE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS) WAS
INTENDED TO BE "PART OF OR A PRELUDE TO A MORE GENERAL
POLICY OPPOSING THIRD PARTY INTERVENTION AND EFFORTS TO
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INTERNATIONALIZE BILATERAL CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNITED
STATES".

2. DEPARTMENT'S OBJECTIVE AT THIS STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS
IS TO AVOID A PUBLIC CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND LATIN AMERICA ON THE PANAMA ISSUE, WHILE LEAVING
THE DOOR OPEN FOR BOTH NEGOTIATING PARTNERS TO CONSULT WITH

LATIN AMERICAN STATES AND TO HEAR THE REAL CONCERNS OF
THOSE COUNTRIES.

3. STATE 27594 WAS INTENDED TO APPLY ONLY TO THE HANDLING
OF THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT TO PRESAGE A NEW DEPAR-
TURE IN THE CONDUCT OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA.
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